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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A particle entrapment pad comprising a high loft, non-adsorbent nonwoven top layer, said high loft nonwoven being defined as a matrix formed of fibers or filaments randomly oriented and fused at intersecting points of said fibers or filaments, attached secured to an impervious bottom layer, ~~said non woven nonwoven top layer receiving and entrapping particles,~~

wherein said high loft nonwoven top layer receives and entraps particles and said impervious bottom layer is impervious to maintains said particles within said entrapment pad.

Claim 2 (original): The pad of claim 1 wherein said top layer is treated with a cling enhancing substance.

Claim 3 (original): The pad of claim 2 wherein said cling enhancing substance is an oil.

Claim 4 (original): The pad of claim 1 wherein said top layer is treated with baking soda.

Claim 5 (original): The pad of claim 1 wherein said top layer is treated with an anti-microbial agent.

Claim 6 (original): The pad of claim 1 wherein said top layer is treated with an odor-counteractive agent.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 1, further comprising a liquid-absorbing middle layer.

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Claim 8 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said middle layer is wood pulp.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said middle layer is a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said middle layer is treated with baking soda.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 10, further comprising a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said middle layer is treated with an anti-microbial agent.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said middle layer is treated with an odor-counteractive agent.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 8, wherein said wood pulp is treated with a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said top layer is treated with a cling enhancing substance.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said top layer is treated with baking soda.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said top layer is treated with an anti-microbial agent.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said top layer is treated with an odor-counteractive agent.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad includes a decorative design.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The pad of claim 1, wherein said wherein said

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particles are cat litter.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used as a dish-draining mat.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used as a doormat.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 25, wherein said doormat is a runner.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used as a car floor mat.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used as a bathroom mat.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used under countertop soap dishes and dispensers.

Claim 27 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used to line garbage receptacles.

Claim 28 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used to catch excess water and soil under potted plants.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The pad of claim 1, wherein said particles are workshop debris.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The pad of claim 1, wherein said particles are dust.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The pad of claim 1, wherein said particles are pet food.

Claim 32 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7, wherein said pad is used in the vicinity of a pet food or pet water dish.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The pad of claim 4, wherein said baking soda absorbs odors in a refrigerator.

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Claim 34 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 9, further comprising baking soda, wherein said pad is used to absorb odors and excess moisture.

Claim 35 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 7 wherein said middle layer is mostly silica gel.

Claim 36 (original): A particle entrapment pad comprising an impervious bottom layer and a high loft non-woven top layer, wherein said top layer includes a plurality of cat litter particles entrapped within a matrix of said non-woven.

Claim 37 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 36, further comprising a liquid-absorbing middle layer.

Claim 38 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 36, wherein said middle layer is wood pulp.

Claim 39 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 36, wherein said middle layer is a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 40 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 38, wherein said wood pulp is treated with a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 41 (original): The pad of claim 36, wherein said top layer is treated with a cling enhancing substance.

Claim 42 (original): The pad of claim 36, wherein said top layer is treated with baking soda.

Claim 43 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 36, wherein said middle layer is treated with baking soda.

Claim 44 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 43, wherein said middle layer is treated with a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 45 (original): The pad of claim 36, wherein said top layer is treated with an anti-microbial agent.

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Claim 46 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 36, wherein said middle layer is treated with an anti-microbial agent.

Claim 47 (original): The pad of claim 36, wherein said top layer is treated with an odor-counteractive agent.

Claim 48 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 36, wherein said middle layer is treated with an odor-counteractive agent.

Claim 49 (withdrawn): An anti-odor pouch comprising:

a non-woven front layer;

a non-woven back layer attached to said non-woven front layer; and

a middle layer of baking soda layered between said front and back layer.

Claim 50 (withdrawn): The anti-odor pouch of claim 49 wherein said middle layer includes a non-woven treated with baking soda.

Claim 51 (withdrawn): The anti-odor pouch of claim 49, wherein said pouch is used to deodorize a refrigerator.

Claim 52 (withdrawn): The anti-odor pouch of claim 49, wherein said middle layer further comprises silica gel.

Claim 53 (withdrawn): The anti-odor pouch of claim 52, further comprising a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 54 (withdrawn): The anti-odor pouch of claim 52, wherein said pouch is used to deodorize and dehumidify a refrigerator.

Claim 55 (withdrawn): A method of entrapping particles comprising:

layering a high loft non-woven top layer, having an upper end and a lower end, on top of an impervious bottom layer to create a two-layer pad;

attaching said lower end of said top layer to said bottom layer; and

placing said pad, top layer up, upon a surface where particles will fall;

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wherein, when said particles fall upon said non-woven top layer said particles become trapped within a matrix of said non-woven top layer;

wherein, fine particles fall to said lower end of said top layer;

wherein, coarse particles are suspended within said matrix; and

wherein, said pad can be easily disposed of without spilling said particles.

Claim 56 (withdrawn): The method of claim 55, wherein said pad is used to entrap litter particles.

Claim 57 (withdrawn): The method of claim 55, wherein said pad is used to entrap carbon particles.

Claim 58 (withdrawn): The method of claim 55, wherein said pad is used to entrap dust particles.

Claim 59 (withdrawn): The method of claim 55, wherein said pad is used to entrap soil.

Claim 60 (withdrawn): The method of claim 55, wherein said pad is used to entrap food particles.

Claim 61 (withdrawn): A method of entrapping particles while absorbing liquid comprising:

layering a high loft non-woven top layer, having an upper end and a lower end, on top of a liquid-absorbing middle layer that is layered upon an impervious bottom layer to create a three-layer pad;

attaching said lower end of said top layer to said middle layer;

attaching said middle layer to said bottom layer; and

placing said pad, top layer up, upon a surface where particles and liquid will fall;

wherein, when said particles fall upon said non-woven top layer said particles become trapped within a matrix of said non-woven top layer;

wherein, fine particles fall to said lower end of said top layer;

wherein, coarse particles are suspended within said matrix;

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wherein, when liquid falls upon said non-woven top layer, said liquid passes through said top layer and is absorbed by said middle layer; and wherein, said pad can be easily disposed of without spilling said particles and said liquid.

Claim 62 (withdrawn): The method of claim 61 wherein said middle layer includes baking soda.

Claim 63 (withdrawn): The method of claim 62 wherein said middle layer includes a super absorbent polymer.

Claim 64 (withdrawn): The method of claim 61, wherein said pad is used to entrap water.

Claim 65 (withdrawn): The method of claim 61, wherein said pad is used to entrap urine.

Claim 66 (withdrawn): The method of claim 61, wherein said pad is used to entrap litter particles.

Claim 67 (withdrawn): The method of claim 61, wherein said pad is used to entrap food particles.

Claim 68 (withdrawn): The method of claim 61, wherein said pad is used to entrap soil.

Claim 69 (withdrawn): The pad of claim 1, further comprising a means for attaching said pad to another surface.

Claim 70 (New): The pad of claim 2 wherein said cling enhancing substance is a sticky substance.

Claim 71 (New): A particle entrapment pad comprising a high loft, non adsorbent nonwoven top layer treated with a cling enhancing substance to receive and trap particles, said high loft nonwoven being defined as a matrix formed of fibers or filaments randomly

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oriented and fused at intersecting points of said fibers or filaments and secured to an impervious bottom layer to maintain said particles within said entrapment pad, wherein said high loft non-woven top layer receives and entraps particles and said bottom layer is impervious to said particles.

Claim 72 (New): The pad of claim 71 wherein said top layer is treated with baking soda.

Claim 73 (New): The pad of claim 71 wherein said top layer is treated with an anti-microbial agent.

Claim 74 (New): The pad of claim 71 wherein said top layer is treated with an odor-counteractive agent.

Claim 75. (New): A particle entrapment pad comprising a high loft, non adsorbent nonwoven top layer, said high loft nonwoven being defined as a matrix formed of fibers or filaments randomly oriented and fused at intersecting points of said fibers or filaments to receive and trap particles and secured to an impervious bottom layer to maintain said particles within said entrapment pad,

wherein said high loft, non-adsorbent nonwoven top layer is treated with at least one additional agent.

Claim 76. (New) The pad of claim 75 wherein said top layer is treated with a cling enhancing substance.

Claim 77. (New): The pad of claim 76 wherein said cling enhancing substance is an oil.

Claim 78. (New): The pad of claim 75 wherein said additional agent is baking soda.

Claim 79(New): The pad of claim 75 wherein said additional agent is with an anti-microbial agent.

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Claim 80 (New): The pad of claim 75 wherein said additional agent is with an odor-counteractive agent.

Claim 81 (New): The pad of claim 75 wherein said additional agent is a scent or pheromone that causes an animal to urinate or defecate directly on said entrapment pad.